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MEMORANDUM

To: HCSD Administrators, Teachers, and Testing Staff
From: Noel Morton, HCSD Test Director
Date: August 17, 2026
Subject: i-Ready Text-to-Speech Guidance for 2026–2027

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I want to provide guidance regarding the use of Text-to-Speech (TTS) during the i-Ready Diagnostic testing windows.

During the Fall i-Ready Diagnostic, Text-to-Speech will not be permitted so that we can establish accurate baseline data that reflects students' independent performance.

As we move into the Winter and Spring testing windows, please use caution when considering Text-to-Speech as a designated support for students in grades K–5 or an accommodation for students in grades 6–8.

Because i-Ready Diagnostic results directly influence students' MyPath and i-Ready Pro instructional pathways, the use of Text-to-Speech may impact a student's performance and subsequent placement. If TTS significantly increases a student's diagnostic score, the student may be placed into an instructional pathway that does not accurately reflect their independent skill level. This could result in content that is too difficult and lead to frustration or difficulty accessing their assigned lessons.

Please carefully consider each student's individual needs when determining appropriate designated supports and accommodations. Our goal is to provide students with the support they need to access the assessment while ensuring their results accurately reflect their skills and instructional needs.

Thank you for your attention to this guidance and for helping ensure we are appropriately supporting, rather than unintentionally over-accommodating, our students.

Noel Morton
HCSD Test Director

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